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SUBJ: MILITARY SALES: RF COMMUNICATIONS

REF: STATE 111614; TRIPOLI 0712 (LIMDIS)

1. ECONOFF VISITED BY DALZIEL OF RF COMMUNICATIONS
JULY 9. DALZIEL EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT EXPORT
LICENSE CASE NO. 58256 CONCERNING FORTY RF-301A
SYNTHESIZED TRANSCEIVERS (U.S. ARMY NOMENCLATURE
GRC-165). RF SIGNED CONTRACT APRIL 16, 1973.
COMPANY SUBJECT TO PENALTY IF DELIVERY NOT MADE
WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF LETTER OF CREDIT.
DALZIEL NOW HEARS FROM HIS OFFICE THAT EXPORT LICENSE
"UNDER REVIEW", WHICH WILL LAST AT LEAST THIRTY
MORE DAYS. RF, IN FACT, HAS LETTER OF CREDIT BUT

IS DELAYING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN ORDER TO PUT OFF
PENALTY PROBLEMS.

2. ACCORDING TO DALZIEL, THESE FORTY UNITS ARE
NEJA#HALF OF A LIBYAN PURCHASE PROGRAM FOR EIGHTY
SYNTHESIZED TRANSCEIVERS. REMAINING FORTY UNITS IN
THIS PROGRAM ARE BRITISH RACAL "SNYCAL" SYNTHESIZED
TRANSCEIVERS. RACAL UNIT IS FULLY SOLID STATE,
100-WATT, VEHICLE MOUNTED SET, WITH FREQUENCY RANGE

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OF ONE POINT SIX TO THIRTY MHZ. RF-387A IS PARTIAL

TUBE SYSTEM WITH FREQUENCY RANGE OF TWO TO FIFTEEN
MHZ. RECAL UNIT COSTS CIRCA US \$4,200. RF-301
WITH NECESSARY ACCESSORIES IS US \$7,000. IT
APPEARS THAT RACAL UNIT COULD EASILY REPLACE U.S.
MANUFACTURED RF-301A.

3. RF REPRESENTATIVE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED THAT
EXPORT LICENSE DELAY MAY CAUSE LIBYANS DOUBLE ORDER
FOR LESS EXPENSIVE BRITISH EQUIPMENT RATHER THAN WAIT
FOR AMERICAN GEAR.

4. IN VIEW INFORMATION STATE REFTTEL THAT RF-381S

ALREADY HAVE BEEN SOLD TO LIDYA, AND IN VIEW LIKELIHOOD
THAT EXPORT LICENSE DENIAL OR DELAY WILL RESULT ONLY IN
WINDFALL TO BRITISH COMPETITOR, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS
TIMELY AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION THIS EXPORT LICENSE
CASE.
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NOTE BY OC/T: #AS RECEIVED.

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